



**CITY OF TEMPE RECREATION
(RON COSNER) PREP SOFTBALL LEAGUE
PLAYING GUIDELINES**

Fall 2020 16u & 18u

**METAL CLEATS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ANY OF THE BALL FIELDS
THAT HAVE THE NEW DUSTLESS MIX.**

I apologize in advance. Our new fields require new equipment, including the shoes we wear on the fields. Metal Cleats are detrimental to the wear and tear of our new surfaces, and in order to maintain the highest degree of service and facilities, we must restrict footwear to rubber cleats or any non-metallic cleated shoes.

Welcome Coaches and players to the Fall 2020 Season. The league is sponsored by the City of Tempe Recreation Department and is offered as a summer developmental opportunity for current and incoming high school softball players. The League's *emphasis* will be less on winning and more on maximum at bats, pitching experience, and skill development opportunities.

As the League plays out, please remember the saying we have in Tempe, "Let the players play, let the coaches coach and let the umpires officiate." Good sportsmanship, through positive encouraging comments, emphasizes that the game is for the young athletes – not the adults. Being a positive, respectful fan recognizes that players, coaches and umpires can and will make mistakes. Please be supportive of all participants to insure an enjoyable experience for all.

Playing Rules: The league will play under NFHS rules. Exceptions will be covered below. The League Director has the power to amend at any time for the "good of the league".

Eligible Players: Team rosters must be completed prior to the first game. All players must be *current or incoming enrollees of the high school they are playing for. Graduated seniors are NOT allowed.*

Pitching: NFHS pitching delivery is required.

Game Times: Games will start at 6:15 PM and 8:30 PM. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 15 minutes (75). Time will be kept by the scorekeeper (staff). Game time starts when the umpire calls for all balls to be in/ “throw down”.

Forfeits: *We do not want any forfeits.* Teams without enough players may borrow players from the opposing team and a “regular” game will be played. The teams will play using any combination of players present, but the score of the game will be scored 7-0 and the team with the full roster will get the “win” for seeding purposes. In this situation, game time will be shortened to, “no new inning after 65 minutes.” Teams in a forfeit situation may agree to play a “65 MINUTE – FINISH THE INNING YOUR IN”, league sanctioned, practice game. The umpires will be required to work whether game time is 65 minutes or regulation at 75.

Batting Order: The batting order will consist of all players present to a minimum of 7; maximum of 15 players. Late arriving players will be added to the bottom of the order. Unlimited substitution will be allowed, with the exception of the pitcher that may return to the game only once after being substituted between innings. Any pitcher removed due to reaching maximum of 3 conferences, may not return to the pitching position. Teams may bat all players present up to 15 batters.

Tie Games: Games ending in a tie will be recorded as a tied game. There will be no extra innings.

Make-up Games: Canceled or forfeit games will not be made up

Run Rule: There is no run rule for the league. A team down by 15 or more runs, after one hour of play, may throw in the towel.

Ejection: Any player ejected from a game will automatically be suspended for the next game played. Longer suspensions may be imposed at the discretion of the League. Coaches ejected from a game WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR ONE GAME and must speak with the league coordinators prior to taking the field. (This should never happen in this summer league. Let’s keep that record going!)

LEAGUE INFORMATION:

Weather and Field Condition Hotline: 480-350-5293

League Standings: www.tempe.gov/youthsports

LEAGUE INFORMATION:

1. Field Locations:

- a. KIWANIS PARK- 5500 S. Mill Ave. on All American Way.
- b. DALEY PARK - 1625 S. College Ave. (College & Encanto, north of Broadway)

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